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Assignee..... Battelle Memorial Institute  
Group Art Unit..... 2681  
Examiner ..... Sheila B. Smith  
Attorney's Docket No. .... E-1672 (BA4-215)  
Customer No. .... 021567  
Title: Communications Device Identification Methods, Communications Methods,  
Wireless Communications Readers, Wireless Communications Systems, And  
Articles Of Manufacture

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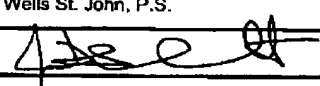
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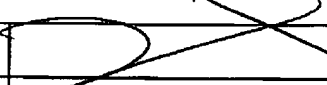
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims: 36 - 20 or HP = 6 x \$25.00 = \$150.00  
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This is a response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005, Applicants  
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